(b) if so, the extent to which these projects have been beneficial to the people;

(c) whether the financial results for HUDCO during 1995-96 has been impressive;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the plans HUDCO is framing for 1996-97; and

(f) the number of States which will be benefited under these plans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Since inception and as on 31.7.96, HUDCO has sanctioned a total number of 11870 housing and urban infrastructure projects with loan commitment of Rs. 12037 crores. On completion, these projects would provide over 51.34 lakhs new residential units, 8.92 lakh upgraded units for urban poor 4.14 lakh developed plots, 37 lakh sanitation units and 407 water supply, sewerage, drainage roads, bridges and other social and commercial infrastructure projects in various States/UTs.

(c) and (d) Provisional financial results of HUDCO during 1995-96 are as indicated below :—

			(Rs. in crores)
1.	Total revenue	—	808.14
2.	Profit before tax (including prior peirod adjustment)	—	100.17
3.	Profit after tax	—	76.23
4.	Releases	—	1216.40
5.	Net worth	—	762.00

(e) and (f) : During 1996-97, HUDCO proposes to sanction loan assistance of Rs. 2047 crores for housing and urban infrastructure projects, out of which Rs. 1477 crores is the release target. This assistance will be given for housing/urban infrastructure projects of various agencies in all States/UTs as per their demands.

Import of Uranium and Thorium

5287. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain countries have shown interest in importing Uranium and Thorium derivatives to use as fuel for their advanced atomic reactors;

(b) if so, the names of the countries who approached us so far and the Government's reaction to such requests;

(c) whether any export of the above items took place in the recent past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Scientific discussions have taken place between Scientific Groups abroad who have interest in Thorium utilisation. The moderate reserves of commercially exploitable Uranium in our country will be required for our own Nuclear Power Programme and hance Government is not in a position to export Uranium.

(b) Discussions have taken place with Scientific Groups in Japan, Brazil and European Commission in recent past. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has also been promoting such discussions. However, no firm collaboration has been established so far.

(c) In 1984, India supplied 1700 Thoria Rods for Physics study with a Neutron Generator Source at (Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, Indian Rare Earths Limited (IRE), a Public Sector Undertaking under the administration control of the Department of Atomic Energy has exported Monazite between 1985 and 1991 to China (500 tons), USA (300 tons), France (1600 tons) and Malaysia (1200 tons). Between 1985-96 it exported Thorium Nitrate to West Germany (1000 tons), Austria (100 tons), East German (1876 tons), Japan (4000 tons) and Bangladesh (3000 tons). During the period 1985-1992, IRE exported Thorium Oxide to East Germany (750 tons), Austria (125 tons) and U.K. (10 tons). IRE also exported Thorium Oxalate during 1985-1990 to Austria (120 tons) and East Germany (1910 tons).

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Package for Land Oustees

5288. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give employment and to allot developed plots for establishing industry to the members of the families of such farmers of NOIDA/Greater NOIDA on priority basis whose land is acquired;

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reason therefor ;

(c) whether the State Government/Union Government have receied some representations/memoranda/proposals in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government/State Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTART AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Accommodation to Freedom Fighters

5289. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the freedom fighters were allotted houses in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently directed the Central Government to cancel these allotments and to take action to vacate them; and

(d) if so, the present position of the matter ?